

CITY OF ANGELS
PLANNING COMMISSION
SUMMARY MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of Thursday December 8, 2011
City Fire House 1404 Vallecito Road
Angels Camp, California**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Croletto at 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chairman Croletto, Vice-Chair Griffin, Commissioner Rowe,
Commissioner Reesman and Commissioner Broeder

Staff Present: Director of Planning & Building David Hanham & Deputy City
Clerk Jennifer Preston

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the November 10, 2011 regular meeting minutes

Page 1, Approval of Minutes, 9th line from bottom. change "F" to "f".

Page 1, Approval of Minutes, 8th line from bottom, change "G" to "g"

Page 1, Approval of Minutes, 7th line from bottom, delete "Add a Condition of Approval that no"
and add "No" in its place.

Page 2, Approval of Minutes, MOTION, change "November 10" to "October 13".

Page 3, Public Hearing, the line that says Exhibit A needs to be between Page 2 and Page 4 and
then "Ordinance" needs to be "Historic District".

Page 3, Infrastructure Committee, add "stated the meeting" between "Broeder" and "was".

Page 3, Infrastructure Committee, change "2010 sewer repair in" to "2010 sewer repair is".

Page 4, Staff Reports, Façade Grant Extension. add "extended from 12-31-11 to 12-31-12".

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER REESMAN AND DULY SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER ROWE AND CARRIED 5-0 APPROVING THE NOVEMBER 10,
2011 MINUTES AS AMENDED.**

VERIFICATION OF RESOLUTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

OPENED AT 6:04 P.M.

CLOSED AT 6:05 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. CUP & Categorical Exemption for GCS Motors – 1104 S. Main Street

Planning Director Hanham stated that the City Council established the use as a prior use and that the CUP is not needed and the applicant's money will be refunded. The action of the City Council allowing GCS Motors to be an established use supersedes or waives any action by the Planning Commission. The City Council voted 4-0 to approve this action.

Commissioner Broeder stated that he would have attended that City Council meeting if he would have known that they were going to take that action. The agenda for the City Council didn't say anything about waiving the CUP, it only stated that it was possibly going to remove the fee for the CUP. The agenda didn't say anything about GCS Motors. The agenda states one thing and the council did something else and that is not right. The ordinance states that a CUP is needed.

Commissioner Griffin stated that she didn't like what has happened with this issue.

Commissioner Rowe stated that she agrees with Commissioner Broeder and she also would have been in attendance at the City Council meeting if the agenda item would have stated that they were going to remove the CUP. She thought it was only about the fee and she feels things were not handled well. She stated that she wondered what the point of the Planning Commission is if rules are not followed.

Commissioner Reesman stated that she believes that the use of a car lot in that location is a great idea and what she has to say is absolutely no reflection on GCS Motors. The applicant is entitled to ask anything that they want, it is the City's responsibility to enforce the laws. She went to the ribbon cutting ceremony because she believed it to be a Chamber of Commerce ceremony. She was surprised to see the mayor cutting the ribbon knowing that this item hadn't been heard by the Planning Commission or approved yet by anyone. She would have voted yes on this issue if it would have come before the commission because the lot was a mess before and now it is cleaned up and looks nice. She is 100% for the business to be there in that location. The City Council could have extended the time frame for grandfathers for everyone if they thought that one year is too short. She stated that you don't break the rules arbitrarily. If the rules don't make sense you need to change the rules and apply them equally to everyone. She believes that the City Administration and the City Council handled this wrongly and if they don't want a Planning Commission they could save the City \$250.00 a month and we could go do something else with our time.

Commissioner Griffin agrees with Commissioner Reesman.

Chair Croletto read into the record a letter from him dated December 8, 2011. (see attachment 1)

After Chair Croletto read his letter all commissioners decided to sign his letter and they all agree that the City Council handled this issue poorly.

PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS

3. Sign of GCS Motors – 1104 S. Main Street

Planning Director Hanham presented the staff report and Resolution 2011-19 for a resolution of the Planning Commission for Project 2011-33 a sign permit in the Historic District for "49er Motors".

On the Resolution:

In title, change "2011.33" to "2011-33" and "49er Used Cars" to "49er Motors".

Under 1st whereas, change "2011.33" to "2011-33" and "49er Used Cars" to "49er Motors" then delete "installation" and add "alteration" also add "existing" between "one" and "wall".

Under now therefore, change "49er Used Car" to "49er Motors" and change "2011.33" to "2011-33". Add "dated November 3, 2011" after "per the application". Change "drawings" to "photos" and change "2008" to "2011".

Under conditions of approval, in title, change "2011.33" to "2011-33" and change "49er Used Cars" to "49er Motors".

Under condition of number 1, add "dated November 3, 2011" after "application" and delete "drawings".

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BROEDER AND DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER REESMAN AND CARRIED 5-0 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2011-19 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A SIGN PERMIT IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT FOR "49ER MOTORS" AS AMENDED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

4. Joint City Council/Planning Commission Workshops – Chairman Croletto

Chairman Croletto stated that staff was to talk to Council on 12-6-11 about dates. Staff sent list of possible dates to City Administrator.

5. Infrastructure Committee – Commissioner Broeder

Commissioner Broeder stated that the committee has been suspended for the time being.

6. General Plan Implementation Committee – Commissioner Rowe

Commissioner Rowe stated that there have not been any meetings.

7. BLT – Commissioner Rowe

Commissioner Rowe stated that the December meeting was cancelled.

8. Wayfinding – Commissioner Reesman

Commissioner Reesman stated that the Wayfinding has been completed by the consultant and it has been emailed to all commissioners. Logo will be used on Highway signs and she doesn't believe that it is a good idea because the A of the logo looks like a tent instead of an A and she believes that the Highway signs need a crossbar on the A for the tourists.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

9. Action List – Chairman Croletto

Chair Croletto stated that there is only item on the list at this time and it is the sign off sheet for 307 Smith Flat Rd. (see attachment 2) Staff stated that nothing has been signed off on this item.

STAFF REPORTS

Director Hanham reported that the Veteran's Memorial District wants to put up flags along Highway 49 and throughout the downtown for the City's 1912 centennial and for things like the 4th of July, Memorial Day, Labor Day and other special events. Need to set up a special meeting for this item so they can complete this by the 12th of January. Meeting was set on Wednesday December 14th, 2011 at 8:00am at the Community Development Department.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:15 p.m.



Gary Croletto, Chairman

ATTEST:



Jennifer Preston, Deputy City Clerk

Attachment 1

In regards to City of Angels Planning Commission Agenda for December 8, 2011, Item 2 - Public Hearing for CUP & Categorical Exception for GCS Motors - 1104 S. Main Street being "cancelled off the agenda".

As Chairman of the Angels Camp Planning Commission, I would like to go on record with the following: If the current Angels Camp City Council wishes to bypass the Planning Commission and ignore established Planning procedures as they have done on the August 16, 2011 Agenda - Item 3 Mark Twain Clinic Presentation and to Planning procedures and Municipal Code Sections as they have done on the December 6, 2011 Agenda - Item 2 Waiver of Conditional Use Permit Fee, I would suggest the City of Angels Planning Commission be dissolved and turn the California State Planning Law requirements over to the City Council to research, develop, and enact.

In both the above cases, the City Council heard applicants and/or acted on issues before the Planning Commission had any information regarding those issues. I am personally very pleased to see new businesses come to our City, but I feel we must follow established procedures and apply them equally to all applicants.

Gary Croletto
Planning Commission Chair
8 December 2011

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Attachment 2

**City of Angels Planning Commission Action List
12/8/2011**

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